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VA Announces Virtual On-Line Career Fair

Collaboration with Milicruit Increases Job Opportunities for Veterans

WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) today announced a partnership with Milicruit.com to sponsor a nationwide, virtual online job fair on Nov. 10, from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. EST

"As we work to help Veterans find good paying jobs, it is important that we take advantage of online resources that connect our Veterans with employers around the Nation who want to hire these highly qualified and experienced men and women," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki.

To date, more than 60 military-friendly national employers from both the private and federal sectors and more than 36,000 Veterans have registered to participate in the all day online event.

Veterans can pre-register at http://www.veteranscareerfair.com for this event. On the day of the event, Veterans can log in and visit employer booths, view job openings, apply for jobs, watch employer videos and presentations, chat live with recruiters, and complete on-the-spot video interviews.

They can also interact with VetSuccess counselors to learn more about VA benefits, as well as additional resources and tools for transitioning Servicemembers and family members regarding

training, employment, and independent living.

VA's VetSuccess.gov website offers services by providing access to a job board of more than 8 million job openings, as well as tools for Veterans to build or upload resumes and for employers to search for Veterans who match their recruiting needs.

"Using technology allows us to connect excellent Veteran job seekers with businesses in need of the leadership, discipline, skills, and training that Veterans bring to the workplace," said Under Secretary for Benefits Allison A. Hickey.

The job fair not only connects employers with Veterans who are a match for their staffing needs, but also allows Veterans to visit the VA's virtual help desk to obtain information about VA benefits.

Benefits include the Post-9/11 GI Bill and the VA Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment VetSuccess program, which provides job training and placement skills for transitioning Servicemembers and Veterans.

For more information on the job fair go to http://www.va.gov and click on VA's Facebook site or go to http://www.vetsuccess.g ov

Veterans filing claims may now file online at VA's eBenefits web site at: https://www.ebenefits.va.gov
. They can check the status of their claim with a premium account (confirming their identity), and use a growing number of online services.

Veterans may also enroll through their myPay or MyHealtheVet accounts, by visiting their local VA regional office or Veteran Service Organization, or by calling VA's toll free number at 1-800-827-1000.

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